AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. - 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A housing for an airbag module of a motor vehicle, the housing comprising:

a housing floor;

a first side wall having a first degree of deformation; and

a second side wall having a second degree of deformation, the first degree of deformation being greater than the second degree of deformation;

the first side wall defining a generally flat surface capable of deformation in response to a force exerted generally in the direction of the housing floor and resisting deformation in response to a force exerted generally in a direction away from the housing floor.

21. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein the first side wall integrally defines an acceptance area for a gas generator.

22. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein the first side wall includes a flange area with a rotation or bending round section around which an interior

cladding element can be swivelled in the direction of the housing floor in case of deformation of the second side wall.

23. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein the second side wall includes deformation elements in a flat surface area which weaken the mechanical stability of the second side wall.

24. (New) The housing according to claim 23, wherein the deformation elements include a plurality of deformation bridges arranged in the second side wall adjacent cut-outs.

25. (New) The housing according to claim 24, wherein the cut-outs are in the form of holes or individual seams.

26. (New) The housing according to claim 24, wherein at least one of the characterized cut-outs and deformation bridges is formed in the second side wall so as to provide a predefined course of deformation and a predetermined final deformation geometry.

27. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein the second side wall is configured to only yield mechanically after the application of a predetermined force (F).

28. (New) The housing according to claim 27), wherein the deformation bridges exhibit deformation structures which are formed in.

29. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein an injection channel is integrated into the housing for targeted unfolding of the airbag of the airbag module, whose one channel wall is at least partially formed by the second side wall.

30. (New) The housing according to claim 23, wherein the second side wall is formed to include a first side wall part and a second side wall part, the first side wall part formed in one piece with the housing floor, the second side wall part formed by the deformation bridges formed on the first side wall part.

31. (New) The housing according to claim 30, wherein free ends of the deformation bridges are connected with a flange area for fixing an interior cladding element.

32. (New) The housing according to claim 31, wherein the deformation bridges, in their undeformed state, are at a defined distance to the first side wall part and in the case of a deformation substantially support themselves on this first side wall part crosswise to deformation force (F).

33. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein a first side housing part forms at least a part of a wall of the housing, the housing floor, an acceptance area for

the airbag module and a flange area with a rotation or bend round section, the second side housing part forms a plurality of deformation bridges and adjacent cut-outs, a flange area for fixing of an interior cladding element and an upper section of an injection channel.

34. (New) The housing according to claim 33, wherein the second side housing part at least substantially forms an injection channel.

35. (New) The housing according to claim 33, wherein a support element is formed in one piece on the floor of the housing or the first side housing part or is fixed to this by fixing means.

36. (New) The housing according to claim 35, wherein the housing is formed as an airbag module, in which the gas generator, the airbag, the deformation section, the injection channel for the airbag as well as the flange areas are configured for fixing of the interior cladding element.

37. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein the housing includes an open side covered by a cover foil.

38. (New) The housing according to claim 20, wherein the housing is formed as a passenger airbag module.